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FIREHAWK HELICOPTER ENGINE INLET BARRIER FILTER EVALUATION

This is to inform your Honorable Board that during the week of June 21, 2010, the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) intends to evaluate the suitability of an Engine Inlet Barrier Filter (EIBF) on the District's Firehawk helicopters.

The Firehawk helicopters have experienced infrequent compressor stalls during wildland firefighting operations. The District and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (SAC) were concerned with these events and have been jointly working towards finding possible solutions.

One potential solution for this intermittent problem is the installation and use of EIBFs which are standard equipment on some versions of the military Black Hawk helicopter. The District intends to complete an evaluation of this equipment during the week of June 21, 2010.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Chief Deputy John B. Tripp, Emergency Operations, at (323) 881-6178.

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